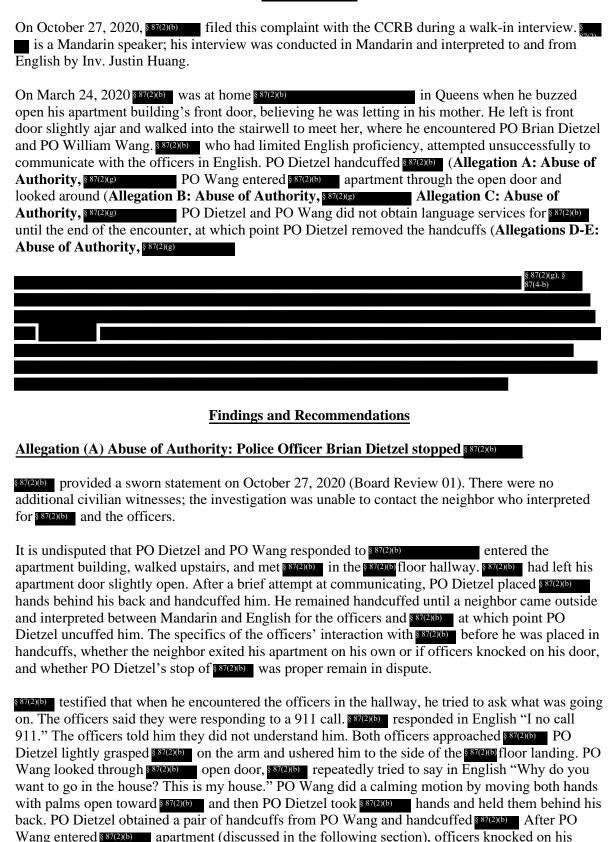
## CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:		Force		Discourt.	U.S.
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Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:	-	P	recinct:	18	Mo. SOL	EO SOL
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Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess					
Witness(es)		Home Addre	ess					
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. POM Brian Dietzel	11091	934770	107 PCT					
2. POM William Wang	16405	959359	107 PCT					
Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	o Tax No	Cmd Name					
1. SGT John Czarnecky	01295	955851	PBQ/S					
Officer(s)	Allegatio	n			Inve	estiga	ator Recon	nmendation
A.POM Brian Dietzel	Abuse: Po	olice Officer Brian Diet	tzel stopped § 87(2)(b)					
B.POM William Wang	Abuse: Po § 87(2)(b)	olice Officer William V	Vang entered					
C.POM William Wang	Abuse: Po	olice Officer William V	Vang searched					
D.POM William Wang		olice Officer William V		1				
E.POM Brian Dietzel		olice Officer Brian Diet tion services for § 87(2)(b)		langu	iage			
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## **Case Summary**



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door, at which point his neighbor came out and interpreted.

PO Dietzel and PO Wang's statements were generally consistent with each other. PO Dietzel and his partner PO Wang received a job of a 10-10 call for help –a possible crime— at They learned it was an anonymous female party caller and that the apartment unit number had a domestic violence history. Neither officer was familiar with the location from prior calls. Officers heard no sounds or calls for help as they approached the  $_{(b)}^{\$87(2)}$  floor. When the officers encountered there were no sounds coming from inside apartment or from the neighboring apartments. Though \$87(2)(b) door was slightly open, neither officer observed anything through the open door that led them to believe something was amiss inside. The officers asked if lived there, if anyone else lived there, and if there was a female inside. Both officers testified that to their questions, <sup>\$87(2)(0)</sup> did not respond or only responded by saying "yes" or "no." Neither officer detected an accent in <sup>\$87(2)(0)</sup> speech. PO Dietzel testified that the 911 caller reported a man calling out for help inside the apartment. When officers arrived on scene, someone called the callback number, but he did not recall if he or the dispatcher did so. When PO Dietzel reached the seemed to PO Dietzel unable to provide any answers; when he did say anything, he said only "yes" or "no." PO Dietzel thought \$87(2)(b) was an emotionally disturbed person (EDP) because he was pacing and saying only "yes" or "no." When asked about any other specific behaviors that indicated was an EDP, PO Dietzel only stated was not responding in a "normal" way. PO Dietzel believed \$87(2)(b) was acting "irrationally" because he was pacing back and forth; he was not doing anything else that PO Dietzel considered irrational. PO Dietzel talked to §87(2)(b) for a couple minutes. During this conversation, the officers had moved between \$\frac{8.87(2)(b)}{2}\$ and his open apartment door. \$\frac{8.87(2)(b)}{2}\$ did not make any hand gestures or attempt to approach the officers, until after a few minutes he tried to push past the officers to go back into his apartment. PO Dietzel put his arm up and stopped him, then turned sound and put him in handcuffs. PO Dietzel made the choice to handcuff on his own; he did not discuss it with PO Wang. § 87(2)(b) did not resist in any way. PO Dietzel put nhandcuffs because he believed was irrational and an EDP, and because he did not know what was going on, why was trying to push past the officers to get into the apartment, or if someone was injured inside. He also put him in handcuffs because he did not know if there were any weapons involved and did not want weapon. There was nothing specific that PO Dietzel observed or that did that made PO Dietzel believe would go and get a weapon, besides that he believed to be an EDP. PO Dietzel also testified that he handcuffed because there were only two officers present, and it would take too long for back up to arrive. He did not want PO Wang to go inside and for himself to be left with alone in the hallway. At that point there was nothing that doing that he could have been arrested or summonsed for. After \$87(2)(b) was in handcuffs, his neighbor came out from a neighboring apartment on his own. PO Wang testified that the 911 call contained no mention of a male individual. When the officers arrived on scene, the 911 dispatcher called the callback number and advised the officers to buzz to enter the apartment building. On reaching the billion, PO Wang found the hallway very narrow. When the officers first came up the stairs, PO Wang did not recall how far away \$87(2)(6) was from the officers. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ did not have anything on his person or anything in his hands. PO Wang never had any suspicion that \$\frac{887(2)(b)}{2}\$ had a weapon on his person. After asking \$\frac{887(2)(b)}{2}\$ some questions,

then became "aggressive" by approaching the officers in the narrow hallway. PO Wang felt this was aggressive because it put the officers in a dangerous situation due to the narrowness of the hallway and the proximity to the stairs. When approached, he got decently close to the officers. Besides that he approached the officers and that he seemed upset, nothing else made seem aggressive. PO Wang could tell was upset because of his facial expression and because he was unresponsive to questions. PO Wang described body language as "upset" and "aggressive;" but when asked to elaborate on this body language PO Wang only repeated that approached the officers in a narrow space. PO Wang found approached the officers in a narrow space. PO Wang found wirrational" because when asked simple questions his facial expression was upset and he did not answer the questions. That he was not answering questions and that he was upset was the full extent of the irrational behavior.

Prior to PO Dietzel putting structions. He did not recall PO Dietzel giving any instructions. He did not recall PO Dietzel giving any instructions. PO Wang believed any was an EDP because of the above-described behavior, because he did not want to answer simple questions, and because he gave very short answers. PO Wang did not suspect apartment (discussed in the following section) apartment (discussed in the following section) PO Wang and PO Dietzel knocked on the neighbor's door to determine if the neighbors knew anything about the situation, prompting the neighbor to come out into the hallway. PO Wang realized there was a language barrier and structions. PO wang to any instructions. PO Wang did not recall giving any instructions. PO Wang to answer simple questions, and because he gave very short answers. PO Wang did not suspect structions. PO Wang did not recall giving any instructions. PO Wang to any instructions. PO Wang did not suspect structions. PO Wang and EDP only wang to any instructions. PO Wang any instructions. PO Wang did not suspect structions. P

Based on save and PO Wang's consistent testimony, the investigation determined that officers elicited the neighbor's participation in the incident by knocking at his door, and he did not exit his apartment spontaneously.

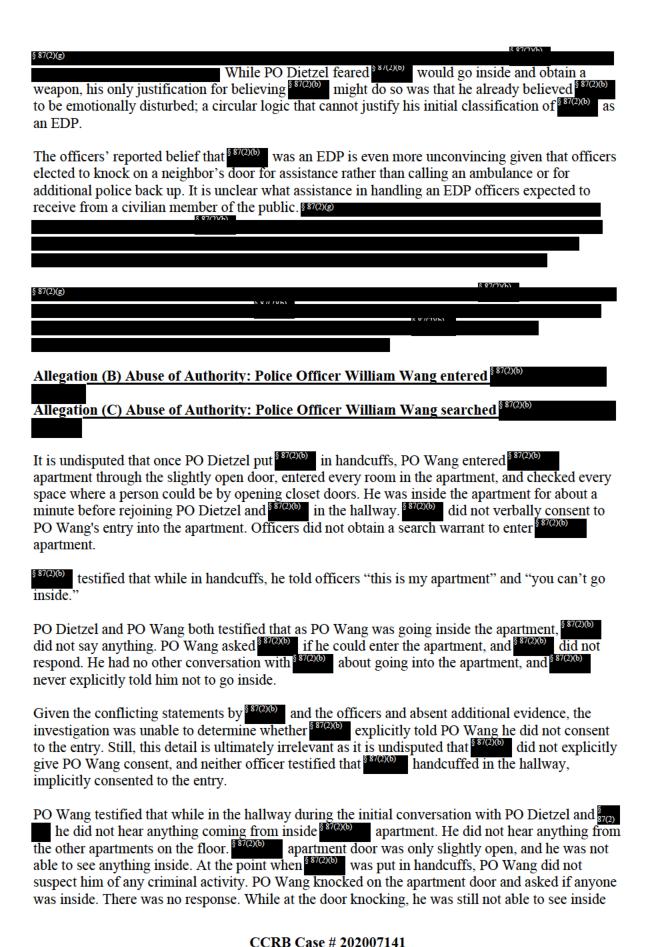
PO Dietzel and PO Wang were generally consistent as to behavior, with some minor discrepancies. Only PO Dietzel described as pacing in the hallway, and PO Dietzel described approaching and pushing past the officers to enter his apartment, whereas PO Wang described approach as happening in close proximity to the stairs. None of these details are corroborated or refuted by account. Absent additional evidence, the investigation was unable to determine whether was pacing, or where or if he approached officers.

While a review of the 911 call audios reveals the female caller does seem to mention a man, this was not recorded in the written Events Chronology (Board Review 08) and the dispatcher did not convey that information over the radio (Board Review 07, 09-12). The dispatcher only provided the following information over the radio: the call was a 10-10 call for help where a female gave the location no conditions, and stated she needed police. The dispatcher also advised that the location was sensitive for EDPs and domestic violence. After officers arrived, the dispatcher called the callback number twice, and then instructed the officers over the radio to ring the bell to enter the building. After calling the callback, the dispatcher did not provide any additional information to officers about the condition or contents of the call. Given there is no information in the written Events Chronology nor in the radio recordings about a male and that PO Wang specifically stated the call contained no information about a male, the investigation determined that PO Dietzel's statement that the call involved a male calling for help within the apartment was a misremembered detail. Based on review of the 911 radio audio and PO Wang's testimony, the investigation also determined that it was the dispatcher and not the officers who tried the callback number and spoke to the female caller.

<u>People v. DeBour, 1976 40 N.Y. 2d 210 (1976)</u>, found that in order to stop a person, a police officer must have reasonable suspicion that the person has committed, is committing, or is about to commit

a crime. DeBour also evaluated whether information provided through an anonymous call was sufficient to establish the required reasonable suspicion by examining the quality and content of the information provided (Board Review 06).

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Lacking in content, the quality of the information was also in question, as the dispatcher characterized the caller in the Events as "rambling" "unclear" and "very uncorp," noting she "has bad connection and is hard to hear." Furthermore, neither officer ever spoke to the caller himself. STOTE  as they proceeded with their investigation, they did not observe anything about the location to heighten their suspicion —the officers did not hear anything on their way up, and once upstairs did not hear any calls for help nor see anything inside the apartment through the open door that seemed amiss.
As for some behavior, PO Dietzel himself testified that there was nothing that some was doing that he could have been arrested or summonsed for. Neither officer testified to suspecting some of any specific crime at the time he was handcuffed. Rather, PO Dietzel's justifications for putting in handcuffs were based in uncertainty—that he did not know what was going on, why was trying to push into his apartment, if anyone was injured, or if some was going to get a weapon. Yet PO Dietzel was unable to articulate any specific reason he believed someone was injured or that some was likely to go inside to obtain a weapon.
NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-13 defines an EDP as a person who appears to be mentally ill or temporarily deranged and is conducting himself in a manner which a police officer reasonably believes is likely to result in serious injury to himself or others. An EDP may be taken into protective custody if they are conducting themself in a manner likely to result in serious injury to themself or others (Board Review 02).
PO Dietzel's sole reasoning for believing was an EDP was that was pacing and saying only "yes" or "no" in response to questions. The investigation was unable to determine whether was pacing in the hallway, was pacing in the hallway.
Neither PO Dietzel nor PO Wang articulated any reason they reasonably believed was likely to cause serious injury to himself or others. was not holding anything in his hands and neither officer suspected him of having a weapon on his person. Per PO Dietzel, he was not making any hand gestures.
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Wang may have felt approaching him with an upset expression on his face was "aggressive" (\$100)



the slightly open door into the apartment. He did not see anything through the open door that indicated to him that there was a problem or emergency. Still, PO Wang believed that there could be someone inside who was injured or who needed help; he expected this person would be the female caller. PO Wang testified he went inside the apartment in order to search for this person who needed help.

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Absent consent from the occupant and absent a search warrant, the police may enter a private residence to address emergency situations. In order to do so, the situation must satisfy three requirements. First, the police must have reasonable grounds to believe that there is an emergency at hand and an immediate need for their assistance for the protection of life or property. Second, the entry must not be primarily motivated by an intent to arrest or seize evidence. (STOXO) there must be some reasonable basis, approximating probable cause, to associate the emergency with the area or place to be searched. People v. Doll, 21 N.Y.3d 665 (2013) (Board Review 16).

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§ 87(2)(b) de	scribed	his English skills as "not very good." He stated he made a few statements to

officers in English, including "I no call 911" and "Why do you want to go in the house? This is my house."

Both officers testified consistently that responded to officers' questions only by saying "yes" or no." Neither officer detected an accent in speech. PO Dietzel spoke no language besides English, and PO Wang spoke Shanghainese and had less than conversational Mandarin skills with limited aural comprehension. PO Dietzel testified that seemed to him "unable to provide any answers," but attributed this to his belief that was an EDP and not to a language barrier. In PO Dietzel's experience, people will often tell an officer proactively that they do not speak English. Besides pacing in the hallway and saying "yes" or "no," nothing else made seem like an EDP to PO Dietzel.

PO Wang testified that he realized there was a language barrier and was not an EDP only when the neighbor came out and interpreted for officers.

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Patrol Guide Procedure 212-90 states that accurate interpretation/translation of foreign languages is important to providing police services and defines Limited English Proficiency (LEP) persons as those individuals whose primary language is not English and who are unable to effectively read, write, speak or understand English. It also states that when an officer encounters an LEP and their primary language is not apparent, they can do the following to ascertain their primary language: they can present any one of several multilingual graphics to the LEP to point out their language, contact the Language Line, or have the Operations Unit research the LEP's country of origin (Board Review 05).

The NYPD's Language Access Plan, developed to comply with Local Law 30 requiring city services be provided in the 10 most common citywide languages in addition to English, states that the department recognizes the importance of effective and accurate communication between its employees and the community they serve. When performing law enforcement functions, members provide free language assistance to LEP individuals whom they encounter *when necessary* [emphasis added] or whenever a LEP person requests language assistance services. The NYPD's Language Access Plan also notes that the three most requested languages in the NYPD's usage of the Language Line are Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, and Russian (Board Review 17).

. The officers' testimony that was "unable to provide any answers" and responded only with "yes" or "no" are more reasonably indicators of an individual not speaking the language in which they are being addressed than of being mentally ill, temporarily deranged, or a threat to self or others. Being unable to speak English is not indicative of being an EDP. Furthermore, the officers' decision to knock on a neighbor's door for assistance is a much more appropriate response in a situation involving an LEP than an EDP; the officers' behavior becomes incomprehensible if one credits their stated belief that

Given the Patrol Guide's outlined procedure for identifying an individual's language when an individual has not communicated that information verbally, it follows that members of the public need not request language services in a language that officers speak in order to receive them. Such a requirement –that LEPs request interpretation services using a language they do not speak—would be nonsensical.

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